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SUBJECT: MORE MEDIA ATTENTION TO REPROCESSING ISSUE

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1. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. THERE HAS BEEN ADDITIONAL
EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE URDU-LANGUAGE PRESS ON THE NUCLEAR
REPROCESSING ISSUE SINCE REFTEL WAS SENT, AND THE EFFECT IS TO
MUDDY THE MEDIA WATERS WITH UNINFORMED SPECULATIONS AND ADVICE.
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2. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. ON 19 JUNE, MUSAWAAT
(PRO-BHUTTO/PRO-PAKISTAN PEOPLES PARTY) ARGUED IT IS TIME THAT
EFFORTS BE STEPPED UP TO ACQUIRE THE REPROCESSING PLANT,
BECAUSE PAKISTAN BY NOW HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE "ALL INTERNATIONAL
SAFEGUARDS." PAPER SAYS AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE DEAL WITH
FRANCE, "A BIG POWER" STARTED PUTTING PRESSURE AND STARTED MAKING

THREATS TO PAKISTAN AND FRANCE. "FRANCE IS FIRM OVER THE DEAL," THE EDITORIALIST CONTINUES, "BUT AFTER (FORMER PRIMIN) BHUTTO'S EXIT, IT IS BEING SAID THAT SOME IMPORTANT PORTIONS OF THE AGREEMENT ARE BEING REMOVED WITHOUT WHICH THE PLANT CANNOT PRODUCE THE DESIRED RESULTS." PAPER CONCLUDES WITH EXHORTATION THAT PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN BE "APPRISED OF THOSE SAFEGUARDS ABOUT WHICH THE FRENCH PRESIDENT HAS HINTED."

3. GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED URDU DAILY IMROZE PICKED UP ON THE CURRENT PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE REPROCESSING ISSUE WITH THE COMMENT THAT "PAKISTAN'S DEAL WITH FRANCE IS STRICTLY FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS AND TO MEET ITS ENERGY NEEDS...IN VIEW OF ALL INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS, THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR OPPOSITION" TO THE SCHEME, FOR IF FRANCE AND IAEA HAD NOT "SECURED ALL GUARANTEES, THIS AGREEMENT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED."
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